



5 Day Devotional

This five-day devotional will be taking a deeper dive into [the sermon from this weekend](#). It will explore the themes of God's desires for us, the concept of being part of His kingdom, and how we can personally respond to His call in our lives.

Day 1

Mark 3:7-12

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In this passage, we see Jesus surrounded by large crowds as He performs miracles and teaches about the kingdom of God. The crowds are drawn to Him, illustrating the profound impact His presence has on those around Him. This demonstrates that Jesus calls each one of us to be part of something greater than ourselves—His unstoppable kingdom. As we reflect on our own desires for those we love and for ourselves, we are reminded that Jesus wants us to experience a life filled with purpose, hope, and the promise of His kingdom.

The overwhelming response of the crowds signifies the deep human yearning for connection with God and His transformative power. It reminds us that the kingdom is ever-expanding, inviting everyone to draw near to Him. As we strive to be a part of this kingdom, we must consider how we can recognize Jesus' authority in our lives and respond to His invitation to come closer and share in His mission.

- What does being part of God's kingdom mean to you?
- How do you respond to the authority of Jesus in your daily life?
- In what ways can you share the message of the kingdom with those around you?
- Pray for clarity about your role in God's kingdom.
- Reflect on the ways you've witnessed God's kingdom at work in your life.

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Day 2

Mark 3:13-19

13 Jesus went up the mountain and summoned those he wanted, and they came to him. 14 He appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles,[a] to be with him, to send them out to preach, 15 and to have authority to[b] drive out demons. 16 He appointed the Twelve:[c] To Simon, he gave the name Peter; 17 and to James the son of Zebedee, and to his brother John, he gave the name “Boanerges” (that is, “Sons of Thunder”); 18 Andrew; Philip and Bartholomew; Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, 19 and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

Today, we dive deeper into Jesus' personal call to the twelve apostles. He goes up the mountain, a significant place symbolizing a point of communion with God, and selects those He wants as His closest followers. This moment emphasizes the importance of being called personally by Christ to be His disciples. Just as He formed a community with the apostles, He desires to build a relationship with each of us, inviting us to share in His mission and extend His love to the world.

Being a disciple means more than just being part of a crowd; it requires commitment and a willingness to grow in our relationship with Jesus. As we contemplate our roles, we must ask ourselves how we can be more intentional about our discipleship, spending time with Jesus, learning from Him, and preparing to go out and preach the good news of the kingdom. How can we make space in our busy lives to invite Jesus in and listen to His voice?

- How can you prioritize spending time with Jesus this week?
- How can you represent Jesus in your community?
- Pray for strength to follow Jesus' call in your life.
- Reflect on the people He has placed in your life and how you can share His love with them.

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In Mark 3:13-15, we see Jesus calling His disciples to Him and appointing them as apostles. This call is personal and profound, signifying that each of us is invited to be in communion with Him, to learn from Him, and to be sent out into the world in His name. The intimacy of this invitation highlights that Jesus not only cares for the large crowds but also sees and values each individual.

As we reflect on this call, we are reminded that our relationship with Jesus transforms us. He empowers us to step into our roles as His messengers, sharing the good news of His love and grace. Think about what it means for you to not just follow from a distance but to draw near and respond to His call actively.

- What does it mean for you to be called by Jesus?
- How can you cultivate a closer relationship with Him?
- In what ways can you be a messenger of His kingdom?

- Spend time thanking God for the personal invitation to follow Him.
- Pray for the courage to respond to His calling in your life.

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Day 4

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As we delve into the names of the twelve apostles in Mark 3:16-19, we see a diverse group chosen by Jesus. Each was unique, bringing different backgrounds and experiences to the table. This diversity reminds us that the kingdom of God transcends our differences and unites us under His lordship. It is a beautiful picture of how God uses all kinds of people for His purpose.

Reflecting on this, we recognize that we, too, have a role to play in God’s mission. Our unique gifts, talents, and stories can contribute to the collective witness of His kingdom. Embrace who you are and trust that God can use you to reach others in ways that only you can. Consider how you can leverage your uniqueness for His glory and invite others to join the journey.

- How can your individuality serve God’s mission?
- Who in your life can you reach out to and invite into His kingdom?
- What unique gifts has God given you to share?

- Pray for awareness of your unique calling.
- Ask for opportunities to serve and invite others into His love.

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As we conclude this devotional series, let’s reflect on the overall journey of being called into God’s kingdom. The message of hope, forgiveness, and the invitation to be part of something bigger than ourselves resounds through this week. It encapsulates the beauty of Jesus' ministry—

one that attracts the weary, the lost, and those who seek purpose. Each of us is invited to participate in spreading this message, embracing our roles within His kingdom.

As we step forward, let us carry the lessons learned throughout this week. Remember that Jesus personally invites us to deepen our relationship with Him, to share His love, and to impact the world around us. Embrace your unique calling and contribute to the growth of God's kingdom in your life and the lives of others. Together, we have the opportunity to reflect the light of the kingdom, inviting countless others to join this incredible journey.

- What has been your biggest takeaway from this week's devotional?
- How can you actively contribute to the growth of God's kingdom?
- What specific steps will you take based on what you've learned this week?
- Pray for the courage to act on what you've learned this week.
- Reflect on someone you can share the message of the kingdom with this week.

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